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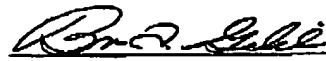
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No: 09/996,658 Confirmation No.: 5256
Date Filed: November 29, 2001
Application Title: Methods And Compositions For Sorting And/Or
Determining Organisms
Applicants: Coull et al.
Group Art Unit: 1634
Examiner: Bradley L. Sisson
Action Date: April 20, 2005
Action Type: Second Office Action On Merits - FINAL

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37 C.F.R. §1.8

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Reply To Office Action w/ Integrated Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Dear Sir or Madam:

A petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an automatic two-month extension of time to reply to the present office action has been included with the papers accompanying this submission so please consider the following response to the Office Action mailed on April 20, 2005.

DO NOT ENTER
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